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Soviet Troops in Cegled and Szelnok

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] Soviet officers were billeted in many private houses in the center of Cegled (Q 48/O 08). Soviet ~~men~~ who all wore red-bordered black epaulets, mainly with tank insignia, were billeted in barracks installations and restricted to quarters.

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2. [redacted] the former Cavalry Barracks on the eastern perimeter of the city, on the south side of Szelnoki Street, was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The barracks installation was surrounded by a brick wall about 2.5 meters high, except for a small gap toward Toerteli Street. It consisted of 4 two-story barracks buildings, 1 three-story barracks building and many out-buildings. Soldiers in platoon strength were seen marching toward Abony (Q 48/O 28). They wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and were armed with submachine guns, light machine guns, and short rifles. SP guns [redacted]

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[redacted] left the barracks installation. Eighteen more SP guns were observed in the barracks yard, with more SP guns apparently stored in the installation. Each SP gun had 6 bogie wheels, 3 track-supporting rollers, 1 rear driving sprocket, a rigid superstructure on the forward third with 1 antenna, about 3 meters long, at the right side, and a gun of more than 100 mm with a muzzle cap which projected far beyond the bow of the vehicle. No muzzle brake was noticed. Many trucks were parked in the barracks installation. The billeting capacity of the installation was estimated at 1,000 men. Motor vehicles observed there included ZIS radio truck [redacted] occupied by an officer wearing red-bordered black epaulets; ZIS truck [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; old Diesel truck [redacted] with a hoisting gear; truck [redacted] occupied by officers; and jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted]

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[redacted] the unit had been absent from its post for several days about one week earlier.

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3. [redacted] Soviet troops were also observed in the barracks installation on the northeast side of Toerteli Street. The installation was surrounded by a wire fence mounted on a concrete base. Officers continually entered and left one of the buildings, which seemed to be the headquarters building. Fourteen T-34 tanks without muzzle brakes and two groups of parked trucks were seen in the billeting area.

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Tank trucks were parked in an open shed. The installation included a repair shop. Vehicles which successively left the installation toward Toertel (Q 48/0 17) during the morning included: 2 sidecar motorcycles, each occupied by 3 men, with a light machine gun in each sidecar; 2 sidecar motorcycles and [redacted] armored motor vehicle, occupied by 6 men, painted green, having four pneumatic tires, a small radiator and a rigid open-topped body with three rectangular apertures on its side and a canvas-covered gun, probably a machine gun, above the driver's seat; 1 jeep with a rod antenna; 1 ZIS 3-ton truck, occupied by about 30 soldiers, 10 sidecar motorcycles and 2 armored vehicles of the type described above, moving at a speed of 40 to 50 km/h; 4 sidecar motorcycles, 1 ZIS radio truck, 2 armored vehicles as described above, and 4 small armored reconnaissance vehicles, each having 4 pneumatic tires and a revolving angular turret with a machine gun of 10 to 12 mm; 1 armored vehicle, as described above, and 4 trucks, each occupied by 20 to 30 soldiers and mounting a light machine gun on top of the driver's cabin; 1 sidecar motorcycle, 1 jeep, 4 T-34 tanks [redacted] 2 T-34 tanks, 2 sidecar motorcycles, and 1 jeep with an antenna; 2 trucks with field kitchens. Radio truck [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were identified in the convoy.

Captain Gusev (fnu), assistant to the commander of the Slovaya railroad station, and Lieutenant Dubrovin (fnu), of the RTO patrol at the Slovaya railroad station.

Szolnok.

5. On 28 July, Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the barracks installation on the east bank of the Zagyva River, southeast of the railroad bridge across the river, and opposite the tuberculosis sanatorium. Most of the soldiers wore tank insignia. The barracks installation was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence more than 2 meters high. Six T-34 tanks, 3 armored vehicles, and 2 small armored reconnaissance cars of the same type as those seen in Cegled were observed in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles were parked in various places of the billeting area. There was intensive activity in the billeting area. A band was playing and about 200 soldiers received close-order drill. Trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, were identified at the barracks installation. (1)

25X1D. Truck [redacted] occupied by two soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets; and jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were observed in the town area. [redacted] the barracks installation on former Miklos Street in the town center, was also occupied by Soviet troops. No information on this barracks installation could be gathered. (2)

7. Then passing through Hajmasker (P 48/D 79) on 30 July, [redacted] truck parked in front of the railroad station. (3)

25X1A. Comment. The barracks installation east of the Zagyva River was occupied by more troops than those specified in the report.

25X1A. Comment. [redacted] confirm that Cegled and Szolnok are occupied by units of the 2d Gds Vecz Div. All [redacted] have been observed in Hungary to date. Some of them have been seen at the Arcton AA range since June 1951. The present report confirms vague reports previously received [redacted] It is therefore believed that the Cavalry Barracks in Cegled is occupied by units which include the [redacted]

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heavy tank SP regiment and the barracks installation on Toerteli Street by units which include a mechanized regiment. The barracks installation southeast of the railroad bridge in Szolnok appears to be occupied by units which include a mechanized regiment. The occupation of the barracks installation on Miklos Street, Szolnok, has not been determined.

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